

The ownership of radio stations is increasingly concentrated in Greater Boston. This results in, first, less variety and diversity. News coverage tends to echo the same point of view. Second, it results in a concentration of power. In this market, Clear Channel Communications, which owns many radio stations, explicitly set forth a political point of view that was inescapable due to their dominant ownership position. reverberated due to Talk about the local radio offerings in your town. Do you only have commercial radio and an NPR station, and little to no local news on the radio, produced from your town?

A community oriented radio station, for example, may have carried more diverse opinions about the Iraq invasion. Clear Channel made an explicit effort to put forth a pro war stance. As we know, the rationale for the war --weapons of mass destruction-- were never found, despite Clear Channel's repeated descriptions of the imminent danger these alleged weapons posed.